

HOUSE No. 1884

By Mr. O'Brien of Kingston, petition of Thomas J. O'Brien relative to the issuance of licenses for the use of chemical mace. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSES FOR THE USE OF CHEMICAL MACE.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to
2 defeat its purpose, which is to forthwith regulate the issuance of
3 licenses for certain incapacitating sprays, therefore it is hereby
4 declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate
5 preservation of the public convenience.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 6 of chapter 180 of the acts of 1998 is
2 hereby amended by adding the following:— provided, further, that
3 nothing under this section shall be construed to require the auto-
4 matic issuance of any license to a person holding a permit solely
5 to carry and use chemical mace, pepper spray or similarly pro-
6 pelled liquid, gas or powder designed to temporarily incapacitate.

1 SECTION 2. Section 7 of said chapter 180 is hereby amended
2 by adding the following:— provided, however, that nothing this
3 section shall be construed to require the automatic issuance of any
4 license to a person holding a permit solely to carry and use chem-
5 ical mace, pepper spray or similarly propelled liquid, gas or
6 powder designed to temporarily incapacitate.